

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement with regard to the instant application. The Examiner requires election of one of Group I, claims 1-10 and Group II, claims 11-20. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that Groups I and II are distinct inventions in that they are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination, that the subcombinations are separately usable, and thus, distinct from each other. The Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement is improper as to Claims 11-20 because Claims 11-20 are generic to the species disclosed in Claims 1-10. More specifically, Claims 11-20 are directed to a medium that includes instructions for implementing the methods claimed in Applicants' Claims 1-10. Accordingly, Group II is not 'distinct' from Group I and are, thus, improperly restricted.

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The requirement for restriction being the only issue raised in the present Office Action, this paper is fully responsive to the same. The Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application for any non-elected subject matter in this application.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the presently submitted response, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention. If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0510 maintained by Applicant's Assignee.

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